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THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" In this particular case somehow the District Board had auctioned the right before the intimation was given to them. So it was confirmed and it could not be cancelled."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Will the Government take steps to set right the wrong committed by the District Board and allow the *status quo ante* to be continued till the Government take a decision on this question as a matter of policy? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The question is still under the consideration of the Government and only after a decision is taken, action can be taken."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Are the Government aware that those who take ferries in auction continue to collect tolls even if the river is fordable? It has happened in some cases, and in those cases, there is no provision in the contract to prosecute the auctioneer. Will the Government take note of this? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" When the river is fordable, people simply wade through it; they need not pay any tolls."

DR. K. B. MENON.—" My own experience is that I had to pay toll even when the river was fordable."

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" If anybody is harassed like that, he could prefer a complaint."

SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" Are the Government aware that this Government Order was cancelled by the interim Government, in spite of the repeated representations made by the concerned co-operative society? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Notice, Sir."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" As the District Board has auctioned the ferry against the Government Order in force, will the Government consider the suggestion to take steps to set right the wrong? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" After a decision is taken, they will be informed."

Officials of the Co-operative Department working in co-operative societies.

* 65 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state the number of men from the Co-operative Department of Government whose services are lent to co-operative societies to work as secretaries, managers, executive officers and auditors in the co-operative institutions as on 31st March 1952?

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THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" The number of officers of the Co-operative Department whose services have been lent to co-operative societies in the State as secretaries, managers, executive officers, etc., as on 31st March 1952 is as follows :—

(1) Deputy Registrars	20
(2) Co-operative Sub-Registrars	114
(3) Senior Inspectors	307
(4) Junior Inspectors	34
(5) Accountants, clerks, etc.	46
Total ...	521

" The particulars of officers who were deputed as auditors as on 31st March 1952 are as follows :—

(1) Co-operative Sub-Registrars	25
(2) Senior Inspectors	317
(3) Junior Inspectors	28
Total ...	370

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" May I know whether these societies have voluntarily asked for the services of the officers? " 9 a.m.

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" The answer is in the affirmative."

SRI V. CHIDANANDAM :—" Will it not be better if the information read out by the Hon. Minister just now is placed on the table of the House, as it is very long and it is difficult for hon. Members to remember all the facts? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" The answer given on the floor of the House will be placed in the Library and the hon. Member can go there and see the same."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" Is it a fact that grants are given to co-operative institutions on condition that they will take departmental officers? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" Not at all."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Is it a fact that the Government are treating the co-operative movement in a step-motherly fashion? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" On the other hand, the Government are taking ample interest to spread the movement."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" In reply to a question put by the hon. Member Sri Chidanandam, the Hon. Minister stated that the answer will be placed in the Library and he could go there and see the same. Whenever answers were long in the past, you were good enough to advise Hon. Ministers to place the same on the table of the House for the benefit of hon. Members. The present answer

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given by the Hon. Minister contains so many figures relating to the several officers, and it is not possible to remember all those figures. That is the difficulty of not only Sri Chidanandam, but also of others who have not expressed it. I wonder if the Hon. Speaker was able to follow all the figures. So, may I request you, Sir, to advise the present Ministers also to place such long answers on the table of the House?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" I know that it is the practice to place long answers on the table of the House for the benefit of hon. Members. I think the present answer is only a small one, and so there may not be any necessity to place the same on the table of the House."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" If you would permit me, Sir, I wish to state that I entirely agree with the suggestion that long answers and long statements containing figures, etc., must be placed on the table of the House, as we can save time and also give good opportunities to the Members to study the same. I shall certainly advise my colleagues to place such long answers on the table of the House and give a brief answer in the House."

Relief for the unemployed handloom workers.

*66 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state what steps the Government propose to take to give immediate relief to the unemployed handloom workers who mainly depend upon this industry?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government have recently sanctioned a scheme for the relief of distress among handloom weavers in the State who have been thrown out of employment due to the slump in the handloom cloth trade. The scheme will be worked through the agency of co-operative societies and will be introduced in all districts. The scheme will assure the weavers of a subsistence wage and continuous employment and also relieve them from the burden of marketing cloth as far as possible. The Government are also considering other steps to stabilize the industry and to enlarge the market for handloom cloth."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware that the scheme will not be applicable to Malabar, as the handloom factories are run there on a factory basis? In view of this, may I know what steps the Government have taken regarding Malabar?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I go further and state that we are aware that Malabar is peculiarly situated with respect to so many matters. It is true that those factories come under the Factories Act. We therefore sent two Deputy Registrars to get in touch with the Collector of Malabar and to find out from the owners of factories if, firstly they will be agreeable to become members of co-operative societies and secondly, if they are not willing, whether, if